

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Group 1617

Maria da Graça Henriques Vicente *et al.*

Examiner Chong, Yong Soo

Serial No. 10/712,228

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For: Treating and Preventing Viral Infections with Porphyrin-Based Compounds
(File Vicente 0210.1)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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This Request for Continued Examination is submitted in response to the March 20, 2008 office action.

No further amendments are presented. The pending claims are reproduced in Appendix A for convenience of reference, but with no further amendments.

A fee of \$635 is being paid online as a small entity, including both the \$405 fee for a Request for Continued Examination, and the \$230 fee for a two-month extension of time to extend the time for response from June 20, 200 to August 20, 2008. If the amount being paid is incorrect, please refer to the Deposit Account Authorization previously filed for this application. If any additional extension of time is required, please consider this paper a petition for the total extension of time required. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Claims 1, 4-13, and 15-23 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.